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FROM:



Chief, Legislation Division/OLC

SUBJECT: Installation of Telecommunications Devices for Deaf
Employees of Federal Agencies, H.R. 2468

1. Subject legislation provides for the installation of telecommunications devices for the deaf in agencies of the Federal, State and local governments and elsewhere.

2. The bill authorizes the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare to select five agencies wherein such devices shall be installed so that deaf Americans may communicate with the agencies and so as to permit deaf employees to better communicate with other agencies of the government. The criteria for selection of the trial agencies centers on the needs of the deaf, i.e., those agencies offering the greatest number of services to the public at large. It is, therefore, likely that agencies such as HEW, IRS and the Department of Labor would be amongst those selected for the program, rather than CIA.

3. If you determine, however, that the terms of this bill would adversely affect CIA equities, as unlikely as that might be, please advise Mark D. Cowan of this office.



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